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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form (This is a two-page report. Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.) Each table cell will automatically enlarge as you type!

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RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Yellow-throated Warbler (Scientific Name) *Dendrocia dominica*

Date(s) of occurrence: May 12, 2001

Number of birds seen: one Sex: Probable Male Plumage: Alternate

Exact location: South side of Lake Holbrook, trees along road FF

County: Otero Nearest town: Swink Elevation: 4162

Length of observation: 5 minutes Time(s) of observation: not sure, around 14:00

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Brandon Percival, Andrew Spencer, Nathan P. and Randy L.

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): Joey Kellner, Mark Janos

Light Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position: Sunny, temps in the high 80's, SW wind 5 to 15 mph.

Optical equipment used: Ziess 10 x 40

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 25 to 100 feet.

Was bird(s) photographed? no If so, have you submitted photos?

Who took the photographs?

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Res. riparian, Plains cottonwood.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the Species or in supporting the identification): The bird was observed actively feeding in a cottonwood tree. It was always close to large main branches and/or the trunk itself, usually on the underside.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report.

Include the overall size and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes): The bird was a larger gray warbler, with a long dark bill, dark eye and dark legs. The fore crown was black, changing to gray. The nape and back were also gray and unstreaked. The facial pattern was as follows; the lores and supercillium were white, thinning behind the eye. A black eye stripe continued to the nape and joined a triangular shaped auricular which in turn extended down the side of the neck into the flanks, there becoming black streaks. The black auricular area was bordered anteriorly by yellow of the throat and posteriorly by a white patch on the side of the neck. The auricular area also contained a white, 1/2 eye ring. The chin, throat and half the breast were yellow. The remainder of the under parts were white, save the flank streaking mentioned above. Two whitish wing bars were noticed on slightly grayer wings compared to the back color. The tail was gray with white in the outer retrices.

Describe bird's call or song: none heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them: Graces Warbler - White supercillium and neck patch.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? A Few in Colorado

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley Guide to Birds

This report is from notes made during or after observation or later
☒ from memory

Date of written report: May 16, 2001

Reporting observer: Signature: Ric Olson

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